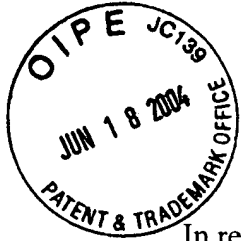


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: APPARATUS, AND ITS)
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

The Office Action dated May 18, 2004, imposed a restriction requirement in the above-identified application, requiring that the present application be restricted to one of the following inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-10 -- drawn to document processing, classified in Class 715, sub-class 501.1;

Group II: Claims 11-19, 30-40, and 61-68 -- drawn to controlling an image sensing position, in Class 709, sub-class 229;

Group III: Claims 20-29 -- drawn to interpolating between two positions of an image input means, in Class 382, sub-class 300; and

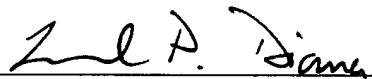
Group IV: Claims 41-60 -- drawn to authenticating document to be submitted onto the network, in Class 382, sub-class 100.

In response, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute Claims 1-10 of Group I in the present application.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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